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SENATOR CARPENTER: You've been one of the prime movers in this body in the area to control drugs, marijuana and every thing else and for what, I have admiration for you. You should be the last one in the world in the area in which you have a practical experience representing the people you do that drugs is a part of the problem everybody has in the operation of these licenses.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I would agree, then let's fund it if you want to keep it in.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I don't want to fund it because I can't fund it, I'm going to make a motion tomorrow in order to consider all the A-bills, if that's what this body wants to do I presume that's what we'll do. But that has nothing to do with what we're talking about.

PRESIDENT: Gentlemen, there are other--excuse me, were you through, Senator Carpenter?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Yes.

PRESIDENT: All right, we actually have now before the body and let me refresh the body's memory here that we have the DeCamp amendment now before the body which would strike section 15. That actually is what's under discussion. Now Senator Nore, did you wish to be heard on the amendment striking section 15?

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President and members, I'm rather dubious about Senator DeCamp. I wonder if he represents his constituents in Holt and Antelope County and some other counties up there. It sounds to me like he probably is representing some unethical operator in Omaha or some other metropolitan center. I have noticed that most of the things that he has indulged in is sex, abortion, liquor and birth control and gambling. I just sort of wonder sometimes just how sound, if he's representing his constituents up in his district.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator Fellman.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President, once again as long as he's attacking personalities, I'm going to respond in kind. The liquor laws of the State of Nebraska and liquor law enforcement, alcohol violations are the most serious thing going in this state today. Now it's kind of like being in a hog pen, if you've got a hundred hogs around you you don't notice that there's one more added. We had over 200 people killed on the highways directly as a result of drunk driving. If you want to go on the basis of statistics, just plain old numbers, if you take this body right here, 49 men, there are 5 alcoholics in here. There are 12 more that are on the verge of becoming alcoholics. Now I'm not saying anybody is an alcoholic, I'm saying statistically in the United States that any group of 49 adults that's what you come up with. That appears to me to be a serious problem. We know that there are 9 million alcoholics in this country nationwide and yet Senator Carpenter wants to take the Liquor Commission and split it in a dozen different directions. If they would concentrate on the area of alcoholism and if we would expand the Liquor Commission's powers to control alcoholism, such as drunk driving, law enforcement more effectively, dram shop laws which a lot of states have adopted and have been effective, we would achieve a lot more good. Now don't misunderstand me when I gave you these statistics. I'm not saying any individual in here is an alcoholic or anything of the kind, but if you take the statistics in a group of 49 men, adult males, there are that many alcoholics. That is a far more serious problem than what Senator Carpenter is attacking.